

NOMENCLATURAL NOTES

This year we have decided to overhaul the Nomenclatural Notes section and so each year we will now use these pages to highlight new name changes, following the work of the RHS Advisory Committee for Nomenclature and Taxonomy. This Committee has had a name change at the start of 2013 and will be known as the **Nomenclature and Taxonomy Advisory Group** (NATAG) from here onwards.

If you have any suggestions for other name changes that you would like to be considered for adoption within the *RHS Plant Finder*, then please write, stating your reasons in full, to:

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The following changes have been made to the names used in the RHS Horticultural Database and reflected in the *RHS Plant Finder* based upon decisions of the RHS Advisory Committee for Nomenclature and Taxonomy during 2012.

- *Agapanthus Ardernei* hybrid should be styled as a cultivar epithet and is not the same as 'Ardernei'
- *Caloscordum* sunk into *Allium*
- Large flowered variants of *Caltha palustris* that have previously wrongly been called *C. polypetala* are attributed to *C. palustris* var. *major*.
- New treatment of *Citrus*, previous segregates (including *Fortunella*, *Poncirus*, and their bigeneric hybrids) all sunk into *Citrus*. This follows the classification of David Mabberley and both he and James Wearn have provided help to enable this significant change to be made.
- *Clematis campaniflora* is accepted as a distinct species rather than a subspecies of *C. viticella*.
- The name *Crocus × cultorum* has never been validly published, therefore the cultivars previously attributed to that cross are now just listed under the genus without a hybrid epithet.
- Accept 'Alba' as a distinct clone under *Fuchsia magellanica* var. *molinae*
Nothofagus alpina is now considered to be the correct name for the species previously regarded as *N. nervosa*. The hybrid between *N. alpina* and *N. obliqua* is therefore correctly named as *N. × dodecaphelps*.

- Use *Ocimum × africanum* in place of *O. × citriodorum*
- *Pennisetum setaceum* 'Rubrum' now classified as the hybrid *P. × advena* 'Rubrum'
- A number of changes to *Prunus* have been made and we will follow the *Manual of Japanese Flowering Cherries* (1982) in most cases:
 - *P. cerasifera* 'Ruby' is a mirabelle plum.
 - *P. incisa* f. *yamadei* – it was suggested to follow MJFC and use *yamadei*.
 - 'Kulilensis Ruby' is just an orthographic variant of *P. nipponica* var. *kurilensis* 'Ruby'.
 - 'Brilliant' should be 'Brillant' as it was raised in Germany.
 - 'Branklyn' and 'Dorothy Clive' should both be cultivars not forms.
 - 'Mahogany Lustre' is thought to be a seedling of *P. × schmidtii* not assigned to *P. serrula*. It should be listed without any specific epithet.
 - 'Takasago' would have been imported pre-1865, although this was a vernacular name but it could be used as a cultivar name. The attribution to *P. × sieboldii* was inappropriate and not needed for this complex hybrid.
 - The following cherry names are trade names as they were deliberate substitutions:
 - § BLUSHING BRIDE see 'Shogetsu'
 - § CANDY FLOSS see 'Matsumae-beni-murasaki'
 - § PINK PARASOL see 'Matsumae-hanagasa'
 - Changed rank of *Synthyris missurica* var. *stellata* to subspecies
 - *Tasmannia* recognised as a separate genus from *Drimys*.

This is not an exhaustive list of the changes made to the RHS Horticultural Database; many more changes are made during the year by the botanical team at the RHS. This list is to highlight the key changes of the Nomenclature and Taxonomy Advisory Group.